

## INDIANA LEGISLATURE.

Reported for the State Sentinel.



Senate,  
THURSDAY, January 7, 1847.

The Senate met.

Petitions presented.

By Messrs. Conner, Milligan, Waters, Taber, Clements and Osborn.

Reports from Standing Committees.

By Mr. Haarer, from the committee on military affairs; a joint resolution on arming our light troops in Mexico; with affidavits.

By Mr. Bowles' from the committee on agriculture; recommending the indefinite postponement of a bill on the subject of county surveys, with an amendment; adopted, and the report was concurred in.

Mr. Hardin then moved to lay the whole matter on the table; carried.

*Resolutions.*

By Mr. Hamrick, that the two Houses next Saturday proceed to the election of State Printer.

Mr. Berry of E., moved an amendment, declaring J. C. Gandy printer to the Senate and Mr. Matthys printer to the House.

Mr. Edmonston moved the whole matter lie on the table; carried.

A message was received from the House informing the Senate it had passed a resolution to proceed to the election of State Printer on Tuesday next.

Mr. Orth moved to re-circulate.

Mr. Edmonston moved to lay the resolution on the table; not carried.

Mr. Edmonston moved that the consideration of the resolution be postponed until Monday next two o'clock; carried.

By Mr. Milligan, as to the expediency of altering the 99th sec. 5th art. and 4th chap. of Revised Statutes of 1843; adopted.

By Mr. Jackson as to the expediency of including the northern division of the state in the provisions of the Butler bill; and amendment adopted.

*Joint Resolution Intro'd.*

By Mr. Orth, authorizing the printing of certain laws of the Legislature; passed in a second reading.

By Mr. Milligan, defining the duties of State agent.

By Mr. Waters, amending an act incorporating the West Doldridge bridge company; passed.

Leased property granted to Mr. English to make a report from a selected committee, of a bill relative to the common school in Jackson county; concurred in.

By Mr. Goodrich, providing for the distribution of the three per cent.

*Order of the day—Bills passed.*

A bill of the House more particularly to define the line between the counties of Gibson and Warren.

A joint resolution of the Legislature of the State of Indiana.

A bill vacating certain streets and alleys in Cambridge city.

A bill for the relief of William Taggett and his securities.

A bill legalizing the proceedings of the county board in Adams county, and for other purposes.

A bill altering the 8th section of an act regulating fees. The Senate adjourned.

*Afternoon Session.*

The Senate recessed.

Upon the question of bills upon their third reading, the following bills were passed:

A bill creating the 13th judicial circuit.

A bill to reduce the expenses of the county of Floyd.

A bill fixing the time for the Treasures of the Dent and Dumb Asylum to make their report.

A bill repealing a certain act protecting wild game in certain counties so far as relates to Pulaski county.

A joint resolution expressive of the approbation of the General Assembly of the State of Indiana of the Mexican war; as follows:

Whereas, the Mexican government by armed troops, did on the twenty-fourth day of April last, near the city of Matamoras, cross over the Rio Grande, into the territory of the United States, and there kill sixteen American citizens, and menace the lives of many more, for which, and other reasons the Congress of the United States did justly and patriotically declare war against the government of Mexico: Therefore,

Be it resolved, That the General Assembly of the State of Indiana fully approves of the declaration of war, as was made on the 13th of May last by Congress against the government of Mexico, and that the efficient manner in which it has been prosecuted by the President, our valiant officers and brave soldiers, fully meets our approbation. And,

Be it further resolved, That our Senators in Congress be instructed, and our Representatives requested to use their influence to continue a vigorous prosecution of the war, until an honorable peace is fully ratified, and for this purpose to vote all necessary appropriations of money.

Be it further resolved, That his Excellency the Governor be requested to forward copies of this joint resolution to the President of the United States, and each of our Senators and Representatives in Congress;

Mr. Read called for the previous question; sounded.

On the motion being put, and Mr. Osborn being called upon to vote, and he voted to excuse himself from voting for one reason. The preamble of the joint resolution stated, a falsehood. It stated that Congress had declared war, even before it knew of the facts. Congress had declared that war existed by the act of Mexico invading the territory on this side of the Rio Grande. The body of the joint resolution he appreciated; but it had the falsehood in the preamble, and if he stated he had to take the preamble with the remainder. If he voted for part, he voted for all—part was a falsehood, and part he favored. He could not vote for a falsehood, and wished to be excused.

Mr. Barbou said he would say a few words against Mr. Osborn's being excused from voting on this joint resolution. There was a settled design up in the part of that gentleman to evade the responsibility of voting upon the subject. He could only evade by sticking upon technicalities to stifle upon words. He was aware Congress had not declared war; but the declaration that war existed was tantamount to a declaration of war for the future. Of course then, it was our duty to do all in our power to a speedy and vigorous prosecution of the war on our part. He wished to show that it was not the intent of the people to be evaded.

Mr. Osborn replied, that he would say a few words against Mr. Barbou's being excused from voting on this joint resolution. There was a settled design up in the part of that gentleman to evade the responsibility of voting upon the subject. He could only evade by sticking upon technicalities to stifle upon words. He was aware Congress had not declared war; but the declaration that war existed was tantamount to a declaration of war for the future.

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